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Iraqi Police graduate from courses

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 223 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility Sept. 29 as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 41 graduates, Advanced Criminal Investigations with 10 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 27 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 45 graduates, Criminal Intelligence with 23 graduates and Election Security with 77 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course, designed to introduce participants to basic concepts of criminal investigation, covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses and homicide investigation. Students receive classroom instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. The course has graduated 2,627 police officers to date.

The Advanced Criminal Investigation course provides participants with advanced investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in investigations of homicide, kidnapping, terrorism and bombings. This course has graduated 116 students to date.

The Interviews and Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. To date, 730 students have completed this course.

Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes including armed robbery, rape and murder. This course has graduated 729 students to date.

The Criminal Intelligence course provides training in the planning, collection, analysis and distribution of intelligence information. This course also equips participants with the ability to recognize trends that may have an impact on public safety and security. This course has graduated 508 students to date.

The Election Security course covers the responsibilities of the police to ensure peaceful elections. Potential threats and areas of concern are examined from the standpoint of security and protection of candidates and the voting public during the election period. To date, 762 officers have completed the course, which includes a train-the-trainers component to enable participants to serve as trainers in their respective police stations.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an eight-week basic training course for new recruits or a three-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for prior-service officers.

The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.

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